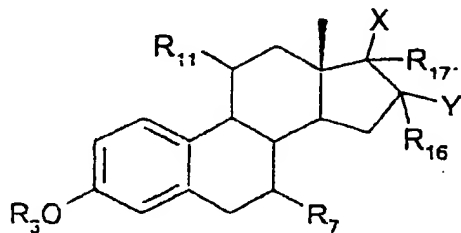


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Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A pharmaceutical composition having ER α agonist activity and having ER β antagonist activity, comprising:
a steroid compound satisfying the following structural formula:



formula I

wherein:

one of X and Y is OH, the other being H;

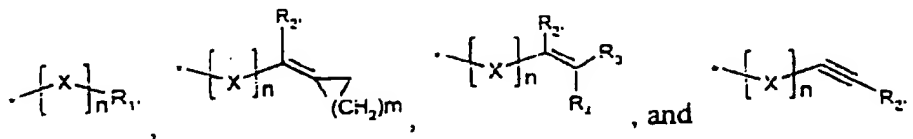
R₃ is H or COR'₃, with R'₃ being alkyl or aryl;

R₇, R₁₆, and R₁₇ each independently are H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or aryl; R₁₁ is a hydrocarbon group, which may be linear or branched, comprising one single linear chain having a length of from 5 to 9 carbon atoms as the longest chain on carbon atom no. 11 of the steroid skeleton, wherein said chain may be saturated or unsaturated, and

a pharmaceutical acceptable auxiliary.

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2. (Twice Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein R_{11} is selected from the following group of side-chain structures:



wherein X is CH_2 , CH-alkyl or $\text{C}(\text{alkyl})_2$, R_1 is H, alkyl, $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_7$ cycloalkyl or together with X forms a $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_7$ ring system, R_2 is H, alkyl or $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_7$ cycloalkyl, R_3 and R_4 each independently are H, alkyl or $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_7$ cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted with halogen or CN, n is an integer of from 0-9, m is an integer of from 1-5.

3. (Twice Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the longest chain in R_{11} comprises 5-7 carbon atoms.

4. (Twice Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3, wherein the longest chain in R_{11} comprises 5 carbon atoms.

7. (Amended) A method for treating estrogen deficiency disorders, comprising:

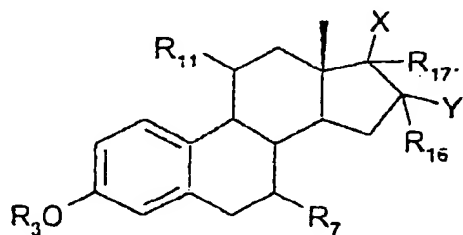
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administering to a patient afflicted with an estrogen deficiency disorder an effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition of claim 1.

Please add the following claim:

--8. A method of inducing ER α agonist activity and ER β antagonist activity in a patient in need thereof, comprising:

administering an effective amount of a steroid compound satisfying the following structural formula:



formula I

wherein:

one of X and Y is OH, the other being H;

R₃ is H or COR'₃, with R'₃ being alkyl or aryl;

R₇, R₁₆, and R₁₇ each independently are H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or aryl; R₁₁ is a hydrocarbon group, which may be linear or branched, comprising one single linear chain having a length of from 5 to 9 carbon atoms as the longest chain on carbon atom no. 11 of the steroid skeleton, wherein said chain may be saturated or unsaturated.--